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Dear Josh:

Do you still have, and if so can we obtain from you, cultures of E. coli Y 109 and Y 117? The latter is an arginine requiring mutant of the former which we once obtained from you while I was in Madison. Both of these strains were sensitive to canavanine whereas a culture of E. coli W which I recently recieved from Bernard Davis does not show this sensitivity. I would like to compare the two cultures side by side.

Things down here are progressing rather well. I have a very nice laboratory as compared with that available in Madison. At this time of year the climate here is hard to beat, but I miss very much the intellectual climate at Madison which is quite superior to that here.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Esmond

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